Safe firearm storage matters... because no one can unfire a firearm.

For someone in crisis, a locked firearm can mean the difference between a tragic outcome and a life saved. Though many Veterans are well-versed in firearm safety, all Veterans and their families should understand how to properly handle and store firearms in the home.

Firearm injuries were the second-leading cause of injury-related deaths nationwide in 2015.

– CDC Report, 2017

A 2014 study showed that firearms could be found in roughly 31% of households nationwide.

– General Social Survey, 2014

Research shows there is a 70% lower risk of unintentional firearm-related injury and death among youths when guns are stored safely.


Take these simple steps to keep your family safe:

- Make sure firearms cannot be accessed by children and unauthorized adults by keeping guns locked and unloaded when not in use.
- Store ammunition separately from firearms and out of reach of children and unauthorized adults.
- Regularly reassess steps to ensure safe storage and use of firearms, especially during periods of increased stress or emotional crisis.
- Request a gunlock from your local VA Suicide Prevention Coordinator. Find your local SPC at VeteransCrisisLine.net/ResourceLocator.

Learn more about how you and your family can be there for a Veteran or Service member in crisis:

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